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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1993 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Under instructions from the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, I wish to inform you that Serb and Montenegrin aggressors and their proxies inside the country have mounted a new ground and heavy artillery offensive in three critical areas, with the objective of consolidating their gains across northern and eastern Bosnia, and linking those areas to Serbia.

The region of Cazin, in north-western Bosnia, has been under heaviest attack yesterday and today. The heaviest casualties were reported in the town of Bihac. All reported fatal casualties were civilians. The Council should take special note that the attacks in this region originated from occupied territories in Croatia, under UNPROFOR control.

The aggressors have again renewed their attacks in the Posavina region, particularly on the city of Gradacac. The city's 56,000 pre-war residents, and many more refugees, now seem to be facing the same fate as the residents of Srebrenica. The city falls inside the critical northern corridor, linking aggressor-held areas in north-western and eastern parts of the country.

The renewed attacks have also begun on the three remaining large population centres in eastern Bosnia: Srebrenica, Zepa and Gorazde. These attacks threaten at least 101,000 civilian lives, based on pre-war population figures.

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative